

WO-377  
William O. Payne House  
Stockton  
Private

c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WILLIAM O. PAYNE HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: W0-377

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-377

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILLIAM O. PAYNE HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 5552 Stockton Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Stockton ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. David Hoover

street & number 5552 Stockton Road P. O. Box 145 telephone no.:

city, town Stockton state and zip code MD 21864

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 326

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 111

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The W. O. Payne house, located at 5552 Stockton Road, stands on the south side of road in the village of Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, tee-shaped Victorian house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built c. 1890, the two-and-a-half story, tee-shaped frame house is supported by a low brick foundation, and it is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. Covering the steeply pitched gable roof is a layer of asphalt shingles.

The north (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a recessed entrance contained within the corner of the tee-plan. The front, partially glazed door and the adjacent two-over-two sash windows are sheltered by a chamfered post porch highlighted with elaborate sawn decoration. The second floor above the porch is marked by a single two-over-two sash window, and centered on roof is a cross gable pierced by a round arched two-over-two sash window with corresponding shutters. The projecting gable end of the tee-plan is defined by single two-over-two sash windows on each floor all of which have louvered shutters. The eaves to the roof are extended and short returns finish the base. Rising through the roof are two interior brick chimneys finished with corbelled caps.

The east gable end of the house is enhanced by a single story bay window pierced by single-pane sash windows. Two-over-two sash windows pierce the second floor and attic.

The west side of the house is defined by two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors. Attached to the back corner of the main block is a partially enclosed two-story porch. A single-story kitchen extends to the rear.

The interior has survived with much of its late nineteenth century finishes including a heavily turned newel post, turned balusters, and a molded handrail. Four-panel doors open into the adjacent rooms. The dining room is finished with beaded board wainscoting, and an enclosed stair provides access to the second floor.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant/Worcester Co. date 11/1/89

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city or town Westover state Md 21871

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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WO-377  
WILLIAM O. PAYNE HOUSE  
Stockton, Maryland  
Chain of title

FWH 326/111

Pansy H. Vaccaro, David W. Hancock, Jr.  
surviving executor of the Last will and  
testament of David W. Hancock

to

10/1/1971

David William Hoover  
Martha Audrey Hoover

JMR 1/753

Parker E. Wharton and wife and  
Zadok P. Wharton, et al.

to

12/6/1889

William O. Payne  
\$225.00 1/3 acre

it being all the same real estate devised  
and bequeathed unto Susan A. Taylor and  
William A. Taylor by the Last will and  
testament of William O. Payne, deceased,  
5/9/1934, and being the same real estate  
which was conveyed unto David W. Hancock  
and Daisey N. Hancock, BB 22/32





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W. O. PAYNE HOUSE  
Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland  
Girdletree, Maryland Quadrangle  
1966